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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Two hundred and sixty-two fair price shops were functioning in the South Arcot district on 30th June 1953. No new shops were opened during the first half year of 1953."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" நியாய விலைக் கடைகளை கவனித்து கொள்வதற்கென டெபுடி தாசில்தார் கிரேடுள்ள தாலூகா ஸப்ளை ஆபீசர்கள் என் இருக்க வேண்டும் ? அதற்குப் பதிலாக தாசில்தார்கள், தங்கள் கீழ் வேலை செய்யும் ரெவினியூ இன்ஸ்பெக்டர்களைக் கொண்டு என் இந்த வேலையைக் கவனிக்கக் கூடாது ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars have got their own duties. That is why a special District Supply Officer has been appointed for the purpose of supervising these fair price shops."

Gruel centres for handloom weavers in Quilandy firka.

* 336 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many gruel centres for handloom weavers are located in the Quilandy firka in North Malabar; and

(*b*) whether there are proposals to open more gruel centres for handloom weavers in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—

" (*a*) Two gruel centres for weavers are functioning, one in Quilandy firka and another in Balusseri Salia street in Quilandy sub-taluk.

" (*b*) The Collector has reported that more centres are likely to be opened if and when voluntary contributions from the charitable public are forthcoming."

SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN :—" Are Government aware that three gruel centres have been closed down in Cannanore recently and is it the policy of the Government to close down these centres? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The general policy of the Government is for closing the gruel centres progressively. But in cases where there is absolute necessity and where 50 per cent contribution is forthcoming, the Collector at his discretion will open gruel centres."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" മലബാറിൽ പാലക്കാട്ട താലൂക്കിൽ ഗ്രുവൽ സെൻറർ തുടങ്ങാൻവേണ്ടി കലക്ടർ വല്ല ശുപാർശയും അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I am glad about it, Sir."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know whether the Collector has any instructions to close down progressively all the centres in Malabar district? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"Not paricularly in Malabar district, Sir. We cannot run gruel centres all the year round."

Construction of a bridge across the Karimpuzha river.

* 337 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the estimate for the bridge across the Karimpuzha river on the Tottenham road (Ariyur-Ottapalem road) in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal for constructing the bridge at present?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—"(*a*) Rs. 2·5 lakhs.

"(*b*) The answer is in the negative."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI:—"വളരെക്കാലമായി ജനങ്ങൾ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ പാലത്തിന്റെ പണി അടുത്ത ബഡ്ജററിലെങ്കിലും ഉൾക്കൊള്ളിക്കാൻ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുമോ ?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—"Sir, I cannot say now whether we will be able to consider it in the next Budget. That work has a low priority."

Reversion of Deputy Tahsildars in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 338 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIYANDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether some officials who were acting as Deputy Tahsildars in Tiruchirappalli district under rule 9 (*a*) (i) were reverted on the ground that they were overaged;

(*b*) whether any persons were reverted in other districts on the same ground; and

(*c*) how many Harijan Deputy Tahsildars were reverted on this ground and what is the total number of Deputy Tahsildars in each district in Harijan community at present?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—
"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) Yes.

"(*c*) One.

One in Madurai, two in Tirunelveli and one in South Kanara. The Deputy Tahsildar in South Kanara is under orders of reversion for want of vacancy."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI:—"திருச்சி ஜில்லாவில் வேலை செய்யும் ஹரிஜன டெபுடி தாசில்தார்கள், அவர்களுடைய கிரேடிலிருந்து கீழே இறக்கப்பட்டது உண்டா ? அப்படி அவர்கள் கீழே இறக்கப்பட்டிருந்தால், அவர்களை மேல் கிரேடுக்கு உயர்த்துவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ?"